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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your suggestion that I create an NIO for Space Issues. I am persuaded by your arguments and others that we need to pay closer attention to the expanding Soviet space program. I am not persuaded, however, that the creation of a new NIO is the best way to realize this objective. In my view, space systems are pieces of much larger puzzles, albeit of increasing importance. It is important, therefore, that these pieces be an integral part of the analysis of the overall problems, and thus the responsibility of the NIOs tasked with the entire problem. Only in this way can we hope to get truly multidisciplinary analyses of the Soviet space program.

I have conveyed your message of the need for enhanced efforts to the relevant NIOs and Directorate of Intelligence office directors. I expect them to address the points in your letter in their research and production programs.

I am sorry to hear that you have left the Agency, but know that your efforts will be put to good use at [redacted] I hope we can be of service to you and your new organization in the future.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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